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SUBJECT: OBSERVERS FOR VIETNAMESE ELECTIONS

1. RE PARA 2 REFTEL, FOREIGN MINISTER DO TOLD US IN EARLY MAY FOLLOWING HIS RETURN FROM WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK THAT DURING HIS CONVERSATION WITH U THANT HE HAD EXTENDED AN INFORMAL INVITATION FOR THE UN TO SEND OBSERVERS. WE HAD THE IMPRESSION THAT DO HAD ALSO TOLD USUN ABOUT THIS REQUEST. DO SAID THAT U THANT WAS NON-COMMITTAL AND HE HAD HEARD

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NOTHING FURTHER FROM HIM. IN A CONVERSATION WITH DO JULY 4 HE SAID HE WAS STILL CONSIDERING A MORE FORMAL FOLLOW-UP, PERHAPS COMBINED WITH PUBLIC MENTION OF HIS INVITATION. HE ALSO REITERATED HIS EARLIER INTENTION TO ISSUE A PUBLIC INVITATION TO THE LOCAL DIPLOMATIC AND PRESS CORPS TO OBSERVE THE ELECTIONS AND PREPARATIONS FOR THEM.
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